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Corps urges residents to heed regulatory requirements during storm cleanup

Wilmington, North Carolina – "As people clean up their properties in the aftermath of Hurricane Alex, it is important that the work be undertaken in accordance with federal regulatory standards," said David Lekson, Chief of the Washington, N.C. Regulatory Office. "We want residents and property owners to know that any discharge of excavated or fill material within Department of the Army jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands requires a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Any filling activity undertaken without the appropriate permit constitutes a violation of Federal law."

"We encountered numerous problems with the unauthorized discharge of storm debris and sand after Hurricane Isabel. We understand the hardships that citizens endure following a hurricane event. We just want to make sure that cleanup efforts don't result in additional problems for anyone," Lekson said.

If you have any questions, please contact the Washington Regulatory Field Office at telephone (252) 975-1616.